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LOK SABHA

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AID TO VICTIMS OF EARTHQUAKE IN GUJARAT
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

the steps taken so far by the Union Government and the State Government for providing assistance andrehabilitation to widows and orphan children who became victims of the devastating earthquake in Gujarat?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN)

For the rehabilitation of women and children affected by earthquake in Gujarat on 26 January 2001, the Department ofWomen & Child Development sanctioned an amount of Rs.559.00 lakhs of which an amount of Rs.263.10 lakhs was released in favour of Gujarat Women Economic Development Corporation. Besides, an amount of Rs.200 lakhs was also sanctioned under National Children's Fund. This package included opening of 200 creches, construction of 10 new Working Women's Hostels, opening 20 temporary hostels and 50 Short Stay Homes, training of poor women on traditional/non- traditional trades under NORAD Scheme, and grant-in-aid to voluntary organisations in the field of women and children for innovative programmes. The powers for sanctioning schemes to the voluntary and other organisations were also delegated to the State Government and special relaxation was also given in certain cases on the request of the State Government. Apart from administration of this special package of assistance, State Government is also implementing a Livelihood Restoration Project for 20,000 women, funded by AsianDevelopment Bank. Besides, ICDS infrastructure damaged by the earthquake was restored and orphan children taken care through foster care system.